

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A method for communication status management, comprising:

receiving a first status change request from a user,
5 the first status change request including at least a first user status and a first duration;

establishing a first current user communication status based on the first status change request; and

prompting the user based on the first duration.
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2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first status change request further includes a first user status message.

15 3. The method as recited in Claim 2, wherein the first status change request further includes a second user status and a second user status message.

4. The method as recited in Claim 3, further
20 comprising establishing a second current user communication status based on the second user status and the second user status message.

5. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the
25 first status change request further includes a second user status.

6. The method as recited in Claim 5, further
30 comprising establishing a second current user communication status based on the second user status.

7. The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising receiving a second status change request from the

user, the second status change request including at least a second user status and a second duration.

8. The method as recited in Claim 7, further comprising establishing a second current user communication status based on the second status change request.

9. The method as recited in Claim 7, further comprising prompting the user based on the second duration.

10. The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising transmitting the first current user communication status.

11. A system for communication status management, comprising:

an interface configured to receive a first status change request from a user, the first status change request including at least a first user status and a first duration;

the interface further configured to prompt the user based on the first duration; and

a processor coupled to the interface and configured to establish a first current user communication status based on the first status change request.

12. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the first status change request further includes a first user status message.

13. The system as recited in Claim 12, wherein the first status change request further includes a second user status and a second user status message.

14. The system as recited in Claim 13, wherein the processor is further configured to establish a second current user communication status based on the second user status and the second user status message.

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15. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the first status change request further includes a second user status.

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16. The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the processor is further configured to establish a second current user communication status based on the second user status.

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17. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the interface is further configured to receive a second status change request from the user, the second status change request including at least a second user status and a second duration.

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18. The system as recited in Claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to establish a second current user communication status based on the second status change request.

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19. The system as recited in Claim 17, wherein the interface is further configured to prompt the user based on the second duration.

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20. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the processor is further configured to transmit the first current user communication status.

21. A computer program product for communication status management, the computer program product having a medium with a computer program embodied thereon, the computer program comprising:

- 5 computer program code for receiving a first status change request from a user, the first status change request including at least a first user status and a first duration;
 computer program code for establishing a first current user communication status based on the first status change
10 request; and
 computer program code for prompting the user based on the first duration.

22. The computer program product as recited in Claim
15 21, wherein the first status change request further includes a first user status message.

23. The computer program product as recited in Claim
22, wherein the first status change request further includes
20 a second user status and a second user status message.

24. The computer program product as recited in Claim
23, further comprising computer program code for
establishing a second current user communication status
25 based on the second user status and the second user status message.

25. The computer program product as recited in Claim
21, wherein the first status change request further includes
30 a second user status.

26. The computer program product as recited in Claim
25, further comprising computer program code for

establishing a second current user communication status based on the second user status.

27. The computer program product as recited in Claim 21, further comprising computer program code for receiving a
5 second status change request from the user, the second status change request including at least a second user status and a second duration.

28. The computer program product as recited in Claim
10 27, further comprising computer program code for establishing a second current user communication status based on the second status change request.

29. The computer program product as recited in Claim
15 27, further comprising computer program code for prompting the user based on the second duration.

30. The computer program product as recited in Claim 21, further comprising computer program code for
20 transmitting the first current user communication status.